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St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park is an ideal setting for this high school experience. Founded in 1791, St. Mary's is the first Catholic Seminary in the United States. Its Knott Library has the largest theological and biblical collection in the region. And, its magnificent Chapel and campus provide a superb environment for inquisitive young theologians.



St. Mary's Seminary & University's Pinkard Scholars Program offers young people the unique advantage of earning three undergraduate credits in theology applicable to their future college education. The full program includes a one-semester course covering a wide range of theological topics. Students read, analyze, and discuss classic texts in the Bible and in such authors as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, and others. Building on the notion of theology as "faith seeking understanding" a seminary professor teaches them how to think and reason critically about perennial theological questions.

In addition to the course work, requirements include a volunteer community service placement (that can be used for credit toward high school community service requirements) and a concluding one-day integrative retreat.

Candidates for the program are high school sophomores. The program will take place during fall of their junior year. They should have a proven capacity to work at the college level, demonstrate a curiosity about Christian theology, and have an openness to interfaith dialogue. Potential candidates are nominated by their high school principal, religion or humanities department chair, or campus minister. Catholic candidates in the Archdiocese of Baltimore may also be nominated by their parish.

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Pinkard Scholars pay partial tuition and fees. Students must provide their own transportation. A limited number of scholarships are available annually to cover costs, including transportation.

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